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Re: City Dock No.1 Marine Research Center Project NOP
ADP No. 100114-003
Su: Public Comments

The Coalition For A Safe (CFASE) Environment is happy to support the City Dock No. 1 Marine Research Center Project proposal. Since 2001 our Environmental Justice Organization identified a marine research center project as a high priority land use at the Port of Los Angeles.

CFASE does have some major concerns over the potential use of the Marine Research Center by its tenants at the Port of Los Angeles in which we do not approve or support and wish to now identify. These would apply to any domestic or foreign public or private university, college institute, business, corporation, joint power authority or governmental agency tenant.

1. CFASE does not approve of any military weapons research including biological weapons research on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and POLA owned property. Our accepted definition of Biological Weapon is: The use of disease-producing microorganisms, toxic biological products, or organic biocides to cause death or injury to humans, animals, or plants.
2. CFASE does not approve of any military weapons including biological weapons related technology, parts, systems, equipment, tools and including software support research on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property.
3. CFASE does not approve of any animal-sea mammal to be used in any weapons or biological weapons research on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property. As an example: using dolphins or whales (Flipper &

Free Willy) to carry weapons, weapons detection devices, weapons parts, delivering weapons or facsimile substitutes thereof etc. in the proposed wave tank, simulated ocean environment, ship, boat or water submersible craft.

4. CFASE does not approve of any nuclear technology advancement or support research and development on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property.
5. CFASE does not approve of any public sea food source such as fish, sea mammal, shell fish, aquatic life or aquatic plant genetic research which involves non-natural genetic modification, non-reproduction or genetic use restrictive technology (GURT) terminator technology which causes second generations to be sterile. Growing genetically altered larger fish with less nutrition benefits and unknown future human genetic and endocrine disruptor impacts is research we do not trust especially when public universities license their technologies to corporations like Monsanto.
6. CFASE wants all research patents developed on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property to be held in the public domain interest.
7. CFASE wants any research patent developed on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property to never be awarded to any public or private business entity in exclusivity, long term agreement exceeding 5 years, in perpetuity or allowing them exclusively the rights to modify, enhance or replace. As an example the Port of Los Angeles signed an exclusive contract giving up public rights with Union Pacific and BNSF Railroad companies for use of the Alameda Corridor which requires their permission to replace them or their rail transportation system with new cleaner transportation technologies. The public wants to electrify the Alameda Corridor and replace diesel fuel locomotives with a Zero Emissions Electric or Maglev Trains the railroads have the legal right to refuse forever.
8. CFASE requests that all tenants public, private and governmental CEO's sign an annual statement under perjury of law that no such weapons research was performed on public California Coastal Tidelands, at the Port of Los Angeles and POLA owned property.
9. CFASE requests that all tenants public, private and governmental annually within 30 days of submission, release or publication provide a copy of all research papers, reports, studies and annual reports to the Port of Los Angeles for placement on the POLA website for public access and provide free copies upon public request.
10. CFASE requests that every research tenant provide for free public access to visit their facility and research. Create a public information program and establish a local public school, college and university outreach, internship and scholarship program for youth with a priority to local Port of Los Angeles harbor community youth.
11. CFASE requests that a minimum of one tenant must include research on California Coastal tidelands, wetlands, reefs, plant life, wildlife and aquatic life preservation, ecosystems habitat protection, mitigation, restoration and disaster recovery.

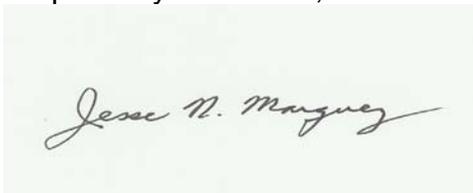
12. CFASE requests that a minimum of one tenant must include research on waters, to include tidelands, river passages, estuaries, ocean waters preservation, disaster prevention, clean-up, recovery and remediation.
13. CFASE requests that a minimum of one tenant must include research on global warming and climate change impacts on California Coastal tidelands, wetlands, reefs, plant life, wildlife, aquatic life, tidelands, river passages, estuaries and ocean waters.
14. CFASE requests that a minimum of one tenant be an aquaculture fish and shell fish hatchery that raises native California coastal fish and shell fish species in order to replenish that currently devastated fish and shell fish populations in San Pedro Bay.
15. CFASE requests that the Port of Los Angeles establish a grading and priority system for approving Tenants that incorporate the most public benefit research as described herein.
16. CFASE requests that the tenants also allow potential small public sponsored research projects that may not involve universities, colleges and institutes or the government, yet may provide significant public benefits.

CFASE has made these public comments and requests on behalf of the public best interests and hopes that the Port of Los Angeles acts in good faith to advertise and recruit the most public beneficial tenants and research projects. CFASE would also like to state that research and projects do not have to have a profit benefit to be a good quality public benefit. A prestigious tenant is not a priority over a public benefit or global eco-system need.

As an example a fish hatchery is needed to replenish the ocean and releasing fish into the sea will not necessarily generate a profit for the port or one of its potential tenants yet the public supports this as a high priority and recognized aquaculture eco-system balance need. While the NOP includes aquaculture we do not want to find out later the space is not available or so small it could not be a major public benefit because the land was awarded for some other big project idea. The NOP is too vague on information on the size of the proposed aquaculture component, its hatchling growing capacities and future production.

Current university, college and research institute tenants at the Port of Los Angeles have provided no direct benefits or opportunities to the Wilmington community or youth to our knowledge in the past. What will be the assurances in the future that the Wilmington and San Pedro communities will benefit?

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse N. Marquez", is displayed on a light green rectangular background.

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